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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - IL 1081, AIRCRAFT
MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT

REF: COCOM DOC REV (74)1081/3, JULY 16, 1975

1) DURING DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM IN THE THIRD ROUND, THE
UK PROPOSED AS A COMPROMISE POSITION THE ADOPTION OF AN
ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTIONS NOTE (AN) PERMITTING THE EXPORT
OF EQUIPMENT FALLING WITHIN THE AMBIT OF THIS DEFINITION
ON THE BASIS OF THE AGE OF THE TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED
IN THE EQUIPMENT (SEE REFDOC). THE US HAS PROBED THIS
PROPOSAL IN SOME DEPTH AND BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE
IF LANGUAGE IS INCORPORATED IN THE NOTE ALONG THE LINES
OF THE ONE IN IL 1564 WHICH CALLS FOR PRIOR CONSULTATION
AND AGREEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE BEFORE THE ITEM CAN FALL
WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED AN. WE BELIEVE SUCH A
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MODIFICATION TO THE AN IS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE

DIFFICULTY IN ASSURING UNIFORM INTERPRETATION OF THE NOTE
BY ALL PC'S. WE FURTHER BELIEVE A FORMULATION ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINES MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO US:

"NOTE: GOVERNMENTS MAY PERMIT AS ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTIONS
THE SHIPMENT OF MACHINERY EMBARGOED BY THE ABOVE DEFINITION
SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET OUT BELOW:

(A) THE MACHINERY DOES NOT PRESENT AN IMPROVEMENT IN
KIND, QUALITY, OR PRODUCTIVITY OVER MACHINERY IN
PRODUCTION BEFORE THE FIRST JANUARY OF THE YEAR, 10 YEARS
PRECEDING THE YEAR OF THE PROPOSED EXPORT; AND

(B) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY HAS
PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED DETAILS OF SUCH MACHINERY TO THE
COMMITTEE WHO HAVE AGREED THAT THE PARTICULAR MACHINERY
SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION TREATMENT.

2) AS A RESULT OF OUR REVIEW OF THIS ITEM, WE MAY ALSO
FIND IT NECESSARY TO PROPOSE ADDITIONAL SUBITEMS TO
THIS ENTRY WHICH REPRESENT ADVANCED TYPES OF AIRCRAFT
MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE NOT CURRENTLY CAUGHT
BY THIS ENTRY. SINCE OUR REVIEW IS STILL ONGOING, WE ARE
UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO IDENTIFY THESE NEW ITEMS.

3) ACTION REQUESTED: OBTAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UK
REACTION TO OUR TENTATIVE THINKING ON THIS ITEM AS
DESCRIBED ABOVE. ROBINSON

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